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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Dang D Le

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-7 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-7 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 18 July 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

Specification

1. The abstract of the disclosure is objected to because it contains more than 150 words. Correction is required. See MPEP § 608.01(b).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

2. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

3. Claim 2 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Regarding claim 2, it is not clear what "greater in number" means.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

4. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

5. Claims 1-7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Rabe (5,331,244).

Regarding claim 1, Rabe shows an armature coil for a rotary electric machinery such as electric generators and motors including a plurality of identical coil blocks each formed by a plurality of turns of an elongated conductor so as to correspond to different phases, characterized by that:

- Each of said coil blocks includes two groups of axial sections (Figure 3, 42 and 46) which are diametrically opposed to each other and curved sections joining said two groups to each other at each axial end, the axial sections of one of said groups being disposed in an inner cylindrical layer while the axial sections of the other of said groups are disposed in an outer cylindrical layer which is coaxial with said inner cylindrical layer; and
- Said coil blocks are combined with each other by circumferentially shifting one coil block from another (48 of 40' with that of 40") in such a manner that said axial sections are arranged circumferentially along said inner and outer cylindrical layers one next to another (42 of 40' being on top of that of 40").

Regarding claims 2-7, it is noted that Rabe also shows all of the limitations of the claimed invention.

6. Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Asao et al. (6,501,205).

Regarding claim 1, Asao et al. show an armature coil for a rotary electric machinery such as electric generators and motors including a plurality of identical coil blocks each formed by a plurality of turns of an elongated conductor so as to correspond to different phases, characterized by that:

- Each of said coil blocks includes two groups of axial sections (Figure 22, top and bottom) which are diametrically opposed to each other and curved sections joining said two groups to each other at each axial end, the axial sections of one of said groups being disposed in an inner cylindrical layer while the axial sections of the other of said groups are disposed in an outer cylindrical layer which is coaxial with said inner cylindrical layer; and
 - Said coil blocks are combined with each other by circumferentially shifting one coil block from another in such a manner that said axial sections are arranged circumferentially along said inner and outer cylindrical layers one next to another (40a being inside 400a).
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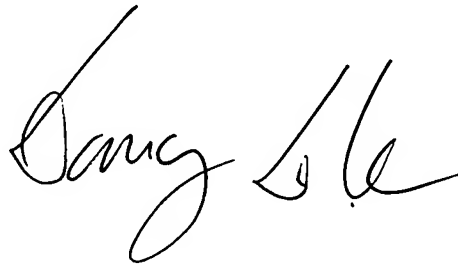
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7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Dang D Le whose telephone number is (571) 272-2027. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nestor Ramirez can be reached on (571) 272-2034. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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